

## ALLIES' SUMMER DRIVE FAILS, IS GERMAN VERSION

Little Gain Apparent in Eight Weeks' Offensive.

German General Explains Situation in Interview.

LAVISH EXPENDITURE OF LIFE

"British Loss 100,000 More Than Ours," Says Von Kluck.

"Haven't Even Badly Bent German Line of Defense."

Editor's Note.—The allies' great offensive of the Somme, developing into one of the greatest battles in the world's history, began on the morning of July 1, 1916. General Alexander von Kluck, one of Germany's greatest leaders in the early days of the war, was compelled to retire because of wounds, herewith outlines the German version of the battle of the Somme, which was fought in the early days of the war. The German version of the battle of the Somme, which was fought in the early days of the war, is as follows:

BY CARL W. ACKERMAN.  
Strasbourg, Germany, Aug. 28.—In eight weeks of tremendous effort with lavish expenditure of human life and blood and ammunition, the allies not only have failed to break the German line on the Somme, but have not even badly bent it. Gen. Alexander von Kluck, who commands the German right in the great advance to the gates of Paris, said today.

"In eight weeks of fighting they have gained but a few yards of territory," said the German war hero. "The English have accomplished practically nothing. They have only exposed themselves to our counter attacks, which will certainly come."

"We were seated in the smoking room of Wilkendorf castle, near Strasbourg. Before us was a map of the Somme battle line. General von Kluck first explained the positions held by his army when he was in command on the front, before he was wounded. The territory the allies are now trying to break thru is the same ground across which von Kluck hurried with his army during the first advance into France in the fall of 1914. After twenty-two months of fighting, the battle line at this point shows little change except that the Germans have been pushed back a few kilometers.

Failure Disheartens Troops.  
"The English losses on the Somme have been terrible," continued von Kluck. "They have been much greater than ours. The English had to put new men into the line. The German losses must exceed ours by at least 100,000."

"Is that many for the large army England is reported to have?" he was asked.

"The decisive thing is always to have plenty of men," he replied. "But when there is a great offensive like this Anglo-French movement and little progress is made, when the losses are great and no great gains are made, the spirit of the troops weakens and that weakens the offensive."

"It is reported abroad that Germany is facing a great military crisis. Now that the allies are attacking on several fronts and it is even rumored that it will not be long before she will collapse," he was told.

"You can see for yourself that there is no crisis," the general laughingly replied. "Slight setbacks have occurred since the Anglo-French offensive began. The preparations for it must be called immense. England brought armies that might never have been expected of that country, thanks to Kitchener's labor—and it was Kitchener's labor. France, despite her serious losses at Verdun, has been able to reserve of her thirty fighting years (meaning thirty classes) together. The industries of France, England, the United States and Japan worked feverishly to supply the allied armies with tremendous amounts of war material. A general offensive on all fronts."

"The moment of attack seemed well chosen," because Germany, during the weeks before, was expending its resources on shortages caused by the blockade. Before the possibilities of a splendid harvest became known to the allies, they became convinced that only a great military success was needed to bring the wavering spirit of Germany wavering as they supposed to her knees.

"The battle of the Somme has now raged for several weeks. Despite a tremendous use of ammunition and repeated stories of human carnage, the result of the general offensive is now unimportant when compared to the great waste of physical and moral force. The German army on the Somme stands unshaken despite the hardest forward and backward fighting, where the opposing armies are locked in struggle like wild beasts."

"A change has taken place in the former victorious tone of the French press of a few weeks ago. The French newspapers now exhort their readers to be patient and not expect too much."

"On the front of the German army and through the country confidence and belief in victory grew. A press dispatch from Verdun spoke of the moral power of the German troops."

IT'S YOUR KIDNEYS

You have swollen feet and hands; stiff, aching joints; sharp-shooting, nervous, aching back; pain in the lower abdomen, difficulty when urinating; look out! These are danger signals. Trouble is with your kidneys. They are poisoning, in one form or another, has set in. It may lead to dropsy or fatal Bright's disease if not checked. Get some GOLD MEDAL. It is an old preparation, used all over the world for centuries, combining natural healing oil and herbs, well known to physicians and used by thousands in their daily practice. The capsules are not an experimental, make-shift "patent medicine" or "patent pills" which is only temporary. They are a standard, quick, and act naturally, gently and reliably. But when you go to the drugstore, insist on getting the pure, original GOLD MEDAL. Be sure the name GOLD MEDAL is on the box, and that the product yourself, against counterfeits. Advertisement.

## THIS INDIAN KNEW

When Given Asked Him What He Was Given Before He Said—"Shirt."

William Wall is a young Indian who doesn't stay on any reservation, but bums from one part of the country to another. He makes Topeka now and then and is occasionally picked up as a vagrant. He was arrested Thursday and appeared before Judge Robert Yates for trial Friday afternoon.

The judge looked him over and there was something familiar about the boy.

"Say you've been here before, haven't you?" said the court.

"Yes," said Wall.

"What are you doing here again, and on the same charge?" demanded the judge.

"What did I give you the last time?"

"A suit of clothes and a shirt," came back the Indian.

Then Yates remembered. The boy was few days from the previous occasion that he had taken him out, fixed him up with a suit of clothes and turned him loose. Yesterday he was just as dirty and ragged as on the former occasion.

"How old are you?" demanded the judge.

"Eighteen."

"Heavens," said Yates. "I didn't suppose a man could get so dirty in eighteen years."

But at that, Wall was paroled with the understanding that he was to leave town.

DESIGN 16-INCH GUN

U. S. Would Go Germany's 42 Centimeter Cannon, One Better.

Washington, Aug. 28.—Army ordnance experts are at work on designs for huge field howitzers, as large or larger than the German forty-two centimeter guns which wrecked Belgian and French forts early in the war. They will be at least sixteen-inch caliber with a range of twelve to fifteen miles, hurling a projectile weighing more than a ton and carrying a huge amount of high explosives.

In addition to placing several of these mammoth weapons along the coast line for mobile defense against naval attack, army officials now are considering the creation of a special regiment equipped with these new howitzers, to work as a unit of the mobile army. The problem confronting the designers in that regard is to distribute the enormous weight of the gun and carriage in such a way that it can be moved over any good road.

That is the difficult part of the work in American heavy artillery designs.

About a few of the largest cities, well-situated roads which support the weight of the huge guns can be found but even such a highway as the Boston Post road from Boston to New York is not wide enough to carry so lightly built that the great weight would crush them. For those cities it is planned to build the new howitzers primarily for transportation by rail on special cars. It is believed possible also that the weight can be so distributed on several rail cars drawn by motor tractors that it could be dragged over any well built highway.

WOMAN HEAD OF G. A. R.

Miss Flood, Secretary of Chief, Real Power Behind the Order.

Kansas City, Aug. 28.—G. A. R. veterans have a champion. She is Miss Katherine R. Flood, secretary to Captain Elias J. Monfort, commander-in-chief. For six years she has guided the destinies of the Grand Army of the Republic and has been her present capacity as secretary and one year as general secretary of the local encampment committee of Los Angeles.

Miss Flood is a native of Kansas and is the real head of the organization and the power behind its strength. This young woman directs an organization composed of 149,074 veterans.

Miss Flood is also the national president of the National Alliance of Daughters of Veterans.

She has been busy at headquarters today directing arrangements for the opening of the encampment.

"but you must not believe all they tell you about me. I am not as important as they say I am."

But the veterans insist she is the best G. A. R. in the United States.

She was graduated from Radcliffe college and went to the G. A. R. from the census bureau at Washington.

NEW HUDSON RECORD

Mulford Makes Dash From Denver to Colorado Springs in 1:22:30.

Driving at the rate of eighty-eight miles an hour at certain points Ralph K. Mulford runs up a new record here today. He made the dash from Denver to Colorado Springs using his famous Hudson Super six that made the 109 mile run at Sheepshead Bay in one hour.

The race was made over muddy roads. Mulford claims with good reason he could have reduced the time to one hour.

In commenting on the unusual record J. R. Johnson, the Topeka distributor for the Hudson, said: "These records being made by Mulford are done in a regular stock chassis and not in special made cars for racing purposes."

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Then the Oswatomie hospital superintendent devotes a little attention in his report to the buildings which have been neglected by the state in carrying out a program of economy and efficiency in the management of the building mentioned in Doctor Carmichael's report.

"The general condition of this building demands that considerable attention be devoted to it within the next two years; otherwise portions of it will be in a comparatively ruined condition. Attention should be given to the roof and cornices. Nothing has been done to improve this condition thru lack of adequate funds. An appropriation for remodeling of all bathrooms in the custodial buildings should be made inasmuch as they neither conform to sanitary standards nor are they at all convenient. Because these bathrooms have been so long neglected and concrete floors placed upon rotten timbers they are rotted and unsafe. Practically all of these bathrooms will have to be rebuilt when any alteration is attempted."

Many Cattle Die.  
During the session of the 1915 legislature, demand was made by the hospital management for a modern dairy barn. Economy was the watchword of the legislature and the request was denied. Loss of livestock during the last two years would have built a modern barn. Now the state has no place for the livestock and the hospital is at a loss to know how to dispose of it.

"Our dairy herd has suffered severely from the effects of disease and at present is much below the standard we require. We have lost during the biennium forty-eight cattle from tuberculosis, two from actinomycosis, and as a climax of misfortune during the winter we lost ten head of our young female stock, mostly thorobred, from hemorrhagic septicemia. A great deal of this misfortune is attributable to the unsanitary conditions of our present dairy barn. This barn is a dilapidated brick which is poorly ventilated and poorly lighted, always damp and unfit."

MUST PAY FORFEIT

Contractors on Topeka Paving May Be Behind Contract Time.

A number of Topeka contractors will be obliged to forfeit the city forfeit this fall for the non-completion of their paving work within the contract time. Such is the opinion of Commissioner Tandy.

Announcement was made several days ago that thirty-nine blocks of brick paving under construction had been tied up on account of the inability of contractors to obtain vitrified brick. Since then only a few carloads of brick have been received. Most of the contracts call for the completion of paving work by October 15.

"I believe attempts of contractors to purchase cheap brick will not comply with the specifications in one reason for the delay," said Commissioner Tandy. "They didn't know the prevailing price and they didn't decide to attempt to get better prices from other plants. As a result they were tardy in getting in their orders."

AT OUR HOUSE

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## HE MUST RETRACT

Miss Wooster Takes Up Statement of Festus Foster.

Legal Action Threatened as Result of Topeka Sermon.

WOULDN'T HAVE A PREACHER

State Censor Said Salina Woman Made This Promise.

"He Flatly Stated an Untruth and Must Retract."—Wooster.

When the Rev. Festus Foster told a Topeka congregation that Miss Lizzie Wooster had promised not to appoint a preacher as movie censor, if elected state superintendent, he told a blank falsehood, according to an emphatic statement today by Miss Wooster. The Salina woman declared that Foster not only stated an untruth, but he must make a retraction or suffer the consequences.

One of the favorite pastimes of attaches in the office of Superintendent W. D. Ross has been to throw rocks at Miss Wooster. She was the one candidate who was not a trouble when Ross sought a third nomination as state superintendent. Now she is being urged to make the race against Ross, who is an independent candidate, so anything Ross's clerks and censors did to Miss Wooster was in the interest of a worthy cause—from the Ross standpoint.

Recently the Rev. Mr. Foster talked about the movie censorship from the pulpit of the Second United Presbyterian church. It was from the pulpit that the head of the movie censors took a careful shot at Miss Wooster, who may soon be in the race against Ross for that election.

What Foster Said.  
"One of the campaign promises of a certain candidate for superintendent of public instruction was that if she were elected, she wouldn't have any kind of censorship. The other candidate, Miss Wooster, was called on a quarter section of the board of censors. Foster told his congregation, Miss Wooster was the only 'she' who made a campaign for a strongly worded statement. Miss Wooster is on the warpath and the Reverend Mr. Foster will back up or suffer the consequences."

Miss Wooster's statement or thought of such a thing, indignantly declared Miss Wooster. "I never expressed an opinion as to whether a preacher should or should not be on the board of censors. When the Reverend Mr. Foster made that statement, I was called on a quarter section of the board of censors. Foster told his congregation, Miss Wooster was the only 'she' who made a campaign for a strongly worded statement. Miss Wooster is on the warpath and the Reverend Mr. Foster will back up or suffer the consequences."

And Miss Wooster spoke as one who meant just what she said.

HIT BY A STREET CAR

Several Injured When Jitney Is Struck Saturday Night.

Miss Velma Swearingen, 1421 East Sixth avenue, and Miss Ruth Lane of Lawrence, were injured when a jitney was struck by a street car Saturday night when it was crossing the intersection of the two streets. The car was struck by a street car and the driver, Miss Lane, was thrown clear of the car. The driver, Miss Lane, was thrown clear of the car. The driver, Miss Lane, was thrown clear of the car.

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## 25 YEARS AGO IN TOPEKA

From the columns of THE TOPEKA STATE JOURNAL

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